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ORDERLY-BOOK OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE REGIMENT OF FOOT, MAY 10 TO AUGUST 16, 1777.

BY JOHN W. JORDAN.

[The Pennsylvania State Regiment of Foot was formed largely from the remains of the Rifle Battalion of Colonel Samuel Miles and the Musketry Battalion of Colonel Samuel J. Atlee, and on May 2, 1777, John Bull was commissioned its colonel. His appointment was, however, unsatisfactory to the officers, who threatened to resign unless he was removed; accordingly on June 17 he was appointed Adjutant-General of the State, and Colonel Walter Stewart given the command of the regiment. The details of this movement are given in the "Diary of Lieutenant James McMichael," PENNA. MAG., Vol. XVI. pp. 129 *et seq.* In July the regiment was designated the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Line, and in November, by resolution of Congress, was placed on the Continental Establishment. When Colonel Stewart took command of the regiment it mustered eleven companies, fifty-two field- and staff-officers, seventy-nine non-commissioned officers, and four hundred and seventy-seven privates fit for duty. The Orderly-Book is in a fairly good condition, and many of the entries are in the handwriting of Hugh McGough, who was a sergeant in the company of Captain John Clark. On the inside of the cover is the following: "May 15, 1777. Crossed ye River to Liberty Island from Red Bank. Four of the enemies ships came into the River and our Gallies bore down to meet them. On that night the enemy landed at New Castle and carried a number of live stock on board their ships, after cutting down ye Liberty Pole and taking away ye Alarm gun. The day following they stood for the Capes." On the same date Lieutenant McMichael in his diary records, "At noon the alarm guns down the river were fired and flags all hoisted. We were paraded and awaited the attack, which proved a false alarm." The fly-leaf has also the following entries relating to two privates of Captain John Clark's company:

"William Jefferies, 5 ft. 6 in. high; pale complexion, long black hair, med. large grey eyes, a well made Irishman, received his furlough Aug. 21 for 30 Days."

"William Elliot, from Londonderry, Lancaster county Pa., short dark curly hair, fair complexion, about 5 feet 7 or 8 in. high, has furlough from Dec. 16 1777 to March 1 1778."

"December 30, 1777, Lieut. Joseph Finley [of second company] being promoted to Captain, is to take the command of the company formerly Captain Patrick Anderson's." Captain Anderson had been elected a member of the Assembly.]

HEAD QUARTERS RED BANK May ye 10th 1777.

Quartermaster to collect all Liquors belonging to any of ye Soldiers and their Wives exceeding 1 Quart each at Red Bank & order it on Board ye first Shalop or flat & suffer Women whose property it is to go on board with it to Philadelphia; ye Regt to leave if fit this evening and ye officers to see that all the men have themselves and arms clean by tomorrow morning and be on the parade at 8 of clock [torn] Every Sunday as usual and not appear upon the parade at any time without being Shaved and their hair Combed.

The Capt. or Comanding officer of companys to give in a return of Arms and Acutrements and other Necessaries to compleat their Companys.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER May 24th 1777.

The Reg^t to be paraded at 6 o'Clock in ye morning & 5 in ye afternoon with arms & acutrements to exercise ye Serg^ts to take in Rotation, to be orderly & keep an exact Roster of ye Companys, ye officers to attend ye parade as many as are present and when the men go to work at least one officer of each Company to attend to see y^t ye men as many as are able, to turn out. Ye Captain of ye Day is to Inspect ye tents and order ye men to mend those that are tore and if any should be Tore in Future by Neglect to Report ye perpetrators. Regular Division of Tents to be made according to ye number of men in each Company—one tent for six men or 5 men and one woman, ye Serg^ts to be punctual in Delivery of their Reports precisely at 6 o'Clock in ye morning. Any Neglect to be taken in Notice.

FORT MERCER May the 26th 1777.

The Quartermaster is to order the Camp Colormen to Dig two Necessaries, one at each wing of the Camp and when full to cover them well over—the Camp to be kept Clean. Any man found to . . . about the Camp shall be put in the Guard house—Orders issued before to be strictly observed both by Officers & Soldiers—the Serg^ts to shew the orders as soon as they get them from the Adjutant to their Officers.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER May 28th 1777.

It is with the utmost Concern ye Colonel observes so great a backwardness of duty, therefore hopes ye Officers will exert themselves in future to see yt the men do their duty punctually—all Neglect will be taken Notice of without distinction. Ye Quartermaster to Issue Rum for none but for those on duty, the Women to draw none. Ye officers are to be particular in their provision Returns and to mention at the Bottom of them the Quantity of Rum due to their men.

HEAD-QUARTERS FORT MERCER May ye 30th 1777.

All the Rifles private property belonging to Soldiers of ye Pennsylvania State Regt who chuse to dispose of them are to Deliver with their Names written on paper pasted on the buts in order they may be appraised.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER June ye 6th 1777.

STANDING ORDER.

Every Soldier before ye hour to Parade shall be properly Equipped and Dressed, arms and Linnen clean, Shaved and hair Dressed so as to appear on Field Days & when on Guard decent and Soldiery like. Ye Quartermaster to divide ye Cloaths between ye Compys according to their several Necessities taking Rects for ye same—the Captns who are to keep Acct how ye are Disposed of Ye Guard not to be Relieved on Field Days until on 6 o'Clock when the Adjutant will order ye old Guard to Dress and prepare immediately to fall in Battalion by three o'Clock in ye afternoon in order they may not be Deprived of ye Benefit of their Duty.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER June ye 8th 1777.

Altho' frequent orders have been given against selling any Spirituous Liquors, yet some has been Brought into Camp. Ye Colon is Determined that any person found guilty of Bringing & Selling such Liquors he shall be put in the Guard house and severely punished for Disobedience of Orders and never in ye Future allowed to sell, and the Liquor so brought shall be taken from them. The Men

must be careful not to hurt the Fruit trees in the Camp, nor to burn any of the Rails or destroy them.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June 13th 1777.

Captain of the Day, tomorrow,—Capt. Clark. Officers to command the Working Parties, Lieut. Van Pelt, Ensign Boyle, Ensign Gregg.[1]

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June 14th 1777.

Officer for the Day tomorrow, Capt. Gray; officers to attend the Working Parties, Ensign Dugan, Ensign Vanwinkle, Ensign Colier.[2]

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June ye 14th 1777.

The Troops to be ready tomorrow morning by 10 o'clock with arms, ammunition, and accoutrements in good order to march to Gloucester as soon as possible and as ye Quartermaster is absent, one Commissioned officer of each Regt to use his best Endeavours to provide a wagon for their respective Com. Baggage and one for ye Field Officers.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June 15th 1777.

The Command to be left at Fort Mercer to consist of one Capt., one Lieut., one Ensign, three Serg^t^, a Drum and Fife & fifty Privates, viz. Capt. Carnahan, Lieut. Gregg, Ensign Bickham, a Serg't from Capt. Gray, Robb and Carnahan, the Drum Major, and small Drum & fife, five Privates from each Company.[3]

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June 15th 1777.

A Detachment consisting of one Capt. two Subalterns, four Sergeants, four Corporals & fifty Men must be Paraded

[1] Captain John Clark, of the seventh company; Second Lieutenant James Van Pelt, of the sixth company; Ensign Peter Boyle, of the third company; and Ensign Robert Gregg, of the fourth company.

[2] Captain Robert Gray, of the eighth company; Ensign James Dungan, of the tenth company; Ensign John Van Winkle, of the second company; Ensign Joseph Collier, of the seventh company.

[3] Captain James Carnahan, of the tenth company; Second Lieutenant John Gregg, of the fifth company; Ensign James Bickham, of the sixth company; Captain John Robb, of the ninth company; Drum-Major Isaac Holloway.

by seven o'clock at the Barracks to escort Powder to the Camp—they must be all properly Equipt with every Requisite as they do not return again until the Regm joins them. The Regt to be Paraded at the same time or rather sooner, when they must all receive their Clothing from the Quarter Master to prepare them for Marching to Head Quarters when ordered. The officers ordered to go are Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Crane, and Ensign Fullerton.[1]

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June the 18 1777.

A Corporal and six Men to parade immediately and March to General Mifflin's Quarters, in order to escort his Baggage to Camp.

LEWIS NICOLA,
Town Major.

To COL. STEWART
or Officer Commanding his Regt.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June the 18th 1777.

Allow me to Assure you Gentlemen that it was with the greatest Pleasure I accepted of the command of a Regt whose officers stood so High in the Esteem of the publick both in respect of their abilities and their Ability & Activity. It is with no less pleasure I observe the Ardent Desire each Officer sustains to have his Men comfortably and completely equipt before the march to Camp, and its I think a Duty encumbant upon me to use every endeavour in my Power to procure them what Necessaries they may want. I must desire the Quarter Master will immediately Clothe the Regt as far as the things now in his possession will go, and deliver me a Return of what remains still wanting.

The Captains will immediately be pleased to make Returns to the Adjut of their Companies, not the Names of those Men not yet Exchanged as I am informed there are a number of Deserters from the Regt and many Recruits would be willing to join the Regt. Every Officer ought to

[1] Captain Patrick Anderson, Second Lieutenant Ambrose Crain, and Ensign Patrick Fullerton, all of the first company.

pick them up. The following Gentlemen will hold themselves in immediate readiness to go on that Service.

The Pay Master[1] having received the Money for the purpose, will as Expeditiously as possible settle with the Men to the first of June or as late as the Money will allow of.

WALTER STEWART
Colonel P. S. R.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June 18, 1777.

Two Guards each consisting of 1 Subalteran, 1 Serg^{t}, 1 Corporal, 1 Drum & 20 Men, must be ready in the State House yard at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning to escort some Wagons to Camp. The Officer will receive his Instructions from Capt. Watkins.

LEWIS NICOLA,
T. M.

TO COL. WALTER STEWART,
or Senior Officer with his Regt.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June ye 19th 1777.

Ensign Bemper,[2] & Ensign Fullerton will proceed on ye above command & when ye have executed this order from Capt. Watkins they immediately proceed with their parties to Correll's Ferry there to join ye rest. Ye Regt. will be paraded tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when they are to be properly equipt, to proceed to Camp. It is absolutely necessary yt each Capt. immediately delivers Returns mentioned in yesterdays Orders, and Col. Stewart flatters himself as the time fixed for leaving the City is so near at hand, that all will exert themselves in getting the men in proper order.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS June the 20th 1777.

The Captains are desired in the most possitive manner to get the Pay Rolls for the Back Pay due the Men immediately finished as I shall be under the Necessity of delivering to the Board of War a return of those Companies which have not been settled with this afternoon. If the Pay

[1] Captain Jacob Laverswyler.

[2] Ensign Abraham Boemper, of the ninth company.

Master has not Money sufficient for this purpose the Board of War will supply him with more. Those Men who have not received all their Clothing must have it this afternoon. The Roll to be called at six this afternoon and six tomorrow morning.

WALTER STEWART,
Colonel P. S. R.

BOUND BROOK June the 26th 1777.

The Regt. to be drawn up on the hill near the three gun battery to the northward of the Meeting-house, at seven o'clock this evening, when a guard will be fixed at said place consisting of one Capt., two Subalt's, four Serg^{ts}, and fifty rank and file. One Serg^{t} and twelve men on the Quibbletown road, one Sergt and twelve men on the road to Corell's Ferry, one Lieut. and two Sergts. on this side the Bridge. At Tattoo the loose boards on the Bridge are to be brought to this side, and in case of an alarm in the night, the men are to parade on the same ground the Roll was called near the three gun battery. The wagons to be paraded on the hill at Roll call, where the wagons will have orders.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS June the 27th 1777.

The Regt. to be paraded tomorrow morning at four o'clock, when they are to manouver to seven; the Roll to be called at six, and manouver to eight o'clock. The Capt's of the different companies to see that their men come clean on the parade, and order that they have their dirty linen washed.

The Quarter Master will see that the Men, according to a Standing General Order always have three days provisions before hand; after having it, have it cooked as soon as possible.

As I find there is a great number of Men in Camp [torn] their Corps which belong to this Regt., the Officers will be very industrious to find them out, and give a return of their names and companies to me.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

REGIMENTAL ORDERS July ye 1 1777.

The different Capts will make a return to the Adjutant of the Sergt's already appointed in the different companies, & what vacancies there now are, & he will take care for the future not to attempt Breaking or Nominating a Sergt. without my permission, as it is impossible for the Adjt to know the Sergts. of the Regt. when they are so frequently changed.

A General Return of the Regt. to be made to the Adjt by tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. It is desired that each Capt. will be particularly careful in making their Returns out exact.

An Officer for the week to be appointed in each Company to superintend the Cooking of the victuals, to whom I shall look, if there is any irregularity, & he may depend upon being punished if found Negligent.

An Officer of the week likewise to attend the Surgeon in visiting the sick.

The Capts must appoint good, sober, diligent men immediately as Corporals. The Quarter Master to make a return of the Tents, Camp Kettles, Wagons & all the Camp Equipage now with the Regt. by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

MIDDLE BROOK July 1st. 1777.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A General Court Martial to sit tomorrow at 9 o'clock at ye usual place for ye Trial of such prisoners as may be brought before them. Col. Walter Stewart is appointed to preside & all witnesses to attend. The late Court Martial whereof Col. Stephan was president is dissolved. A pay roll for ye month of May to be made immediately and delivered to ye Pay Master General for examination. The several Troops and detachments of Col. Bland's Light Horse are to assemble forthwith at ye Colonel's Quarters; ye Quarter Master General of Forage will assign a place where they may get Forage to recruit their horses.

A Return of the Sick in Camp of ye different Regts. to be

made to ye Surgeon General of the Army every Tuesday and Friday at 9 o'clock in ye morning specifying ye mens names, their diseases and ye Company they belong to; these returns to be signed by the Surgeon of the Regt.

Jno. Mifflin, Henry Emanuel and Luther Leh Esq^{rs} are appointed D. Q. M. Gen^{ls} for this Army and are to be respected and obeyed as such. Clement Biddle Esqr is appointed Commissary of Forage for this Army.

Notwithstanding ye Order of the 3rd of June, the General is informed that many Officers are turning their horses into fields of grain and grass, and giving assurances to the proprietors of them, that the damages done shall be paid for by ye Q. M. Genl [torn] ye Orders already given, and considers ye [torn] y^{t} distress under which the inhabitants of New Jersey still are and still groan, the General is astonished to find that neither duty, honor, nor humanity can restrain Officers from so cruel and unlawful practice, he once more, therefore, in ye most pointed and possitive terms forbids it and orders that no horse be turned into any field whatsoever without License for it signed from the Qr. Mr. Genl. or some person acting by his authority. After this second notice, any Officers offending, upon complaint being made, may rest assured that they shall not only be answerable for the Damage done, but brought before a Court Martial and tried for disobedience of orders.

Detail for the Court Martial ordered yesterday: 1 Field Officer, 2 Capts.; for the Court Martial whereof Colonel Stewart is President; 1 Capt. 2 Subaltn's.

General Orders.

The whole Army is to get ready to march tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock;[1] ye Tents & Baggage all put up properly into ye wagons. If it should rain ye Tents not to be struck. The two Regts. ordered to be detatched from Lord Stirling's Division, towards the Sound is not included but

[1] The army marched from Middle Brook to Morristown July 3, where head-quarters were established.

are to wait till further orders. The Honb'l Congress having been pleased to order and direct a Deputy Qr. Mr. Gen[l] should be appointed to each Division of the Army, and an Assistant to each Brigade, left the said appointments to ye Qr. Mr. Genl. with the approbation of the Comm. in Chief he requests ye Major Generals and Brigadiers of each Division to recommend a proper person to discharge ye duty of Deputy Qr. Mr. Gen[l] in their respective Divisions and ye Brigadier and commanding officers of each Brigade to recommend an Assistant in their Brigade. In doing this proper care and circumspection it is hoped will be used, as the comfort and good order of each Division and Brigade will in a great measure depend upon ye knowledge and activity and care of ye persons they make choice of.

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRISTOWN July 4th 1777.

As it is impossible to tell now with certainty how soon or how suddenly ye army may be called upon to march, as it is an event dependant entirely upon ye enemies movements, ye General orders that no Officer or soldier shall be absent from Camp; that every thing be had in perfect readiness except striking of Tents. As no opportunity can be more favorable than ye present to get rid of all heavy baggage, the General once more strongly urges the Officers to store what they can possibly spare at Morristown. If after this second notice they fill the Lumber Wagons with old Tables, Chests and Chairs &c., they are not to be surprised if they are left in the Field. This must be the inevitable consequence of a scarcity of teams. No fences are to be destroyed, nor horses to be turned into fields of grain or grass before they are appropriated by the Qr. Mr. Genl., who will direct where wood is to be had, that some of the wagons of each Brigade may be employed in hauling it to their Encampment. After orders will issue at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the better regulation of ye Troop's Wagons and C[a] upon a march, at which time all the Brigade Majors will attend the Adjt. Genl. Observed yesterday that Wagons were very irregularly loaded; the Wagon Masters have

now an opportunity of attending to that matter; for the future they are to see that the loads are properly distributed.

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRISTOWN, July 5th 1777.

GENERAL ORDERS.

When the order is given to march, and the men are paraded for that purpose the Rolls are to be called and the commanding Officers of each Corps is to see that his men are all present or know with certainty where they are. When they are told off in Subdivisions or platoons and Officers assigned to each such officers are to abide constantly with them and upon a March to see that No man is suffered to Quit his Ranks upon any occasion, without a Non Commissioned officer, who is to bring him to his place again. Whenever a halt is made and ye Ranks are suffered to be Broke, in order for the men to Rest and Refresh themselves, ye officers Comm'g Divisions as above, is so soon as they are ordered to Arms again to see that they have every man in his Division in his place. If either of ye Maj. Genls. in their respective [torn] should see any apparent cause for a halt before the time & place Designed to send a A. D. C. to ye Comm'g officer with his Reasons for it, who, if he Judges it expedient will order it accordingly. When a march is begun after a halt ye Drummers are to be ye first Division of ye foot, march to be taken from Front to Rear & upon ye last flank of ye first Division being struck the whole are to move.

If any man falls Sick or Lame and is thereby unable to walk, ye officer Comm'g ye Sub Division or platoon in which he is, immediately to send Notice thereof to his Br. G. or officer Comm'g ye Brigade to provide a Berth for him in some Wagon under his care. As it is Impossible that good Government & Order can be preserved until every officer will take his share of Duty and be attentive to ye Discharge of it, the Commander in Chief directs upon a March—that Maj. Genls. do not quit their Divisions; Br. G. their Brigades; Colˢ their Regts. nor other officers their respective Divisions unless it be in case of an Absolute

Necessity, by order or with leave, each watching with a careful eye ye Conduct of all those under his Command. It is unreasonable to expect Regularity & Good Order in ye Common Soldiers if ye example is not set by ye Officers. Nor can ye officers with propriety punish a Soldier for a Disregard of orders which he Dispenses with himself. It would be a happy Prize and a most Laudible ambition to see ye Company officers of each Com^{y} veying with each other in *Discipline and good behaviour.*

As much irregularity in many instances was observed in ye march yesterday, particularly with respect to ye Guards, Women and Wagons, the General further orders that the following Regulations be observed—

First, that when ye Baggage will accompany ye army & form of ye time of march, No Regt. do allow more than 2 men as a Guard to each Wagon; that these men must be under the care of a Subalt^{n} or Non Commissioned officer as ye Corp^{ls} or Comp^{y} officer of ye Regt may chuse as ye case may require. That each Brigade to furnish a Captn to superintend those and when the Baggage of ye whole move together each Division as aforesaid officers.

Second, that the 2 men assigned to each wagon shall march on ye side, but as far back as ye Fall of each Wagon, that if anything falls out, to be discovered and put it up again. The Subalterans or Non Commissioned officers is to be about the Centre of his Reg^{tl} wagons, ye Capt^{ns} about the same place of those of the Brigade and ye field officer in that of ye Division.

Third, that no woman shall be permitted to ride in any wagon, without leave in writing from their Brigadier to whose Brigade they belong, and ye Brigadiers are requested to be cautious in giving Leave to those who are able to walk. Any woman found in a Wagon contrary to this Regulation is to turn back, and be immediately turned out by ye Qr. Mr. Genl or W. M. G., or any of their Assistants in ye Division or Brigade to which the wagons appertain; as also by any one of the officers who command ye Baggage Guard. If any interruption is given to the Executioner of this Order

ye Names & Reg^{t} of the prisoner is to be reported to ye General.

Fourth, None but spare arms & such as belong to Sick & Lame men shall be suffered to go in wagons, as they are almost certain of Receiving some injury; or if any Drummer or Soldier presumes to put his Drum or arms into a wagon, unless under similar circumstances that Soldier or Drummer so offending shall be immediately flogged by ye officer of ye company of ye Baggage Guard of such Wagons.

Fifth. To prevent ye enormous abuse and loss of Kettles by slinging them to the wagons, from which numbers fall, ye General orders that each Mess in turn carries their own Kettles, as is usual in all Armies, and can be little burdensome. In this the Wagon Master Genl is to be furnished with a Copy of ye Orders of the March, or at least so much of it as pertains to his Department by the Qr. Mr. Genl, and in common would do well not to quit the Encampment from where the Army is moving till he sees the Wagons in motion and W. M. assigned to the different Brigades of Wagons. On the march the D. W. Mrs. are, when they have got their wagons on ye move, to see that the heads of each wagon are close to the tail of another & that no stops are made that can be possibly avoided, even to water horses, unless at a general halt. They are not to stir from their Brigade; they are also to prevent Women from getting into wagons, unless by license, as before mentioned; nor are to suffer idle and lazy men to do so, or others without orders from ye officers Commd^{g} ye Brigade to which they are annexed, as before mentioned.

In all marches they are to restrain ye Wagoners from destroying fences, grain or grass, unless that appropriated by ye Quarter M. Genl or his Deputy under whom they act, that restitution may be made to the owners. No officer or soldier on any pretence whatever, to impress either horse or wagon, but by ye order of ye Qr. Master Genl or one of his Deputys, or his Brigadier, unless he happens to be on a separate Command, where such application cannot be made

and ye Service must suffer without. In this case a Certificate must be given specifying ye Service &c. Any impressment contrary to this mode will bring Officers into a disagreeable situation, and severe punishment to the soldier.

That these Orders may be well known & duly attended to the General directs that every officer & other persons concerned provide themselves with copys of them as the plea of ignorance will be altogether inadmissable.

(To be continued.)